

Meeting Minutes
Weed Beach Building Committee
September 26, 2007 – 7:30pm
Room 119, Town Hall

Present: P. Hovell, D. Parnon, M. Wright, P. Hendrickson, C. Darby, J. Branigan, M. Hawley

Absent: J. Howe, J. Enters, S. Swiatek

Audience: Pat Benzenberg, Jo Lombardo, Rose Buch, Peter & Susan Spielman, Perry & Erika Sentementes, James Tenaglia, Mary Ann Hanson, Mora Spangenberg, Lucille Miner, Madeleine Moesler

Hovell called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

Hovell updated the committee on activity:

- Nearwater neighbor meeting – about 30 people attended
- Hovell met with 5 restaurateurs, 2 more to meet with
- Parnon & Hovell met with Hauck at Weed Beach re sailing & paddle buildings
- Committee welcomed C. Darby as an official regular member of the committee.

Public Comments included at the end of these minutes.

Hovell met with Darien restaurateurs who have expressed an interest in opening a restaurant and concession stand as part of the master plan and has asked them to develop a proposal.

WBBC will attend the 10/17 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

WBBC Committee approved General Information Sheet. Hawley to post it on our web site.

Schematic Design Review:

Paddle Building –

- Must be built higher than the base of the paddle courts, will affect the handicap access ramp
- Windows on the court side for audience and attendant
- Length of handicap ramp/path to paddle building considered regarding snow removal
- Review parking for paddle courts and picnic area

Sailing Building –

- Recommendation to renovate existing building
- Determine what renovations are necessary
- Committee members to tour building with DJST Commodore, Linda Hannett

Information Plan Assignments

Hawley - Webmaster. Will add General Info Sheet to web site

Darby - Print Media Coordinator

Howe – print media

Wright – print media

Hendrickson – print media

Hovell – Presentations to Community Organizations with available committee members

Swiatek – keep timeline updated, email blasts, video

Parnon – Email blasts, video

Darby to make final edits on FAQ sheet and present at 10/10 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Parnon, Secretary

NEXT MEETINGS –

October 10 – 7:30pm , Room 213, Town Hall

October 24 – 7:30pm, Room 119, Town Hall

Public Comments

Mary Ann Hanson – 76 Dubois Street, 655-0172

- Questions the need for a boardwalk
- Just wants clean sand

Mora Spangenberg, 91 Mansfield Ave., 655-4425

- What is the purpose of fake dunes?
- All the beach needs is clean sand.
- The lifeguards should be responsible for keeping the beach clean
- Beach is dirty!
- Paint the (existing) building and make everything work.
- A new building will spoil the view of the water
- A restaurant is unnecessary

James Tenaglia, 22 Ridgeview Ave., 322-8797

- 46 year resident
- Dirty water
- Too many rocks

Peter & Susan Spielman, 18 Gardiner Street, 655-0719

- Would like more trees for shade
- Seniors need a quiet end – plan calls for volleyball court at one end, playground at the other
- Doesn't object to a restaurant if there's no risk to the town

Madeleine Moesler, 452 Gideon Lane, 656-9261

- Take care of the rocks

Perry Sentementes, 56 Camp Avenue, 322-2651

- It is convenient to park at the beach now
- Questions the addition of dunes